

REMARKS

Claims 41-45 and 48-62 are pending. Claims 57-62 are canceled, without prejudice. The specification is amended to comply with the sequence rules. Applicants note that the Examiner indicated that references cited by the Applicants were not available in the parent application. Applicants' attorney left a message with the Examiner that the references could be downloaded from the PAIR system. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the PTO/SB/08B form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement, received by the USPTO on July 7, 2004, to indicate consideration by the Examiner.

Applicants believe no new matter is added by the foregoing amendments.

I. Rejections of Claims 57-62 under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph.

The Examiner rejected claims 57-62 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, on the basis that the specification is not enabling for any random fragments of the complex of SEQ ID NO: 2 and 12. In the interest of expedited prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 57-62, and the rejection is therefore rendered moot as to these claims. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's current response is believed to be a complete reply to all the outstanding issues of the latest Office action. Further, the present response is a bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and passage of the amended claims to allowance at the earliest possible convenience.

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time to reply from December 12, 2007 to January 12, 2008. Please charge DNAX Research Institute Deposit Account No. 04-1239 in the amount of \$120.00, plus any additional charges that may be incurred.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic conference would aid the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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